
OLR Bill Analysis

HB 6207

AN ACT REQUIRING THE IMMEDIATE ACTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN OUT-OF-STATE MOTOR VEHICLE CONVICTIONS OF PERSONS WHO HAVE A CONNECTICUT MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATOR'S LICENSE.

SUMMARY:

Connecticut takes part in the Driver's License Agreement, a multi-state compact that allows member states to share driver and motor vehicle conviction information.

By law, if the state Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) commissioner receives a report from a member state that a Connecticut driver's license holder has been convicted of certain motor vehicle offenses in that jurisdiction, she must suspend that driver's license for the same period the law requires for a conviction of an equivalent offense here. The bill requires that she suspend the Connecticut driver's license within 30 days of receiving such a report from a member jurisdiction.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2011

BACKGROUND

Drivers License Agreement (DLA)

Under this agreement, all participating states must have one driver's license that is recognized by all other member states and maintain one driver history. A conviction for any motor vehicle or traffic violation in any jurisdiction is treated as if it occurred in the violator's home state for purposes of maintaining a driver history and imposing administrative sanctions.

Offenses for Which DLA Requires Suspension

Offenses in other states for which the DMV commissioner must

suspend a Connecticut driver's license for the same length of time as if the offense occurred here include:

1. manslaughter, assault, or negligent homicide with a motor vehicle;
2. driving under the influence;
3. leaving the scene of an accident, or failing to stop and render aid in an accident resulting in death or personal injury; and
4. unsafe, dangerous, or reckless operation of a motor vehicle (CGS § 14-111n (b)).

COMMITTEE ACTION

Transportation Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 36 Nay 0 (03/18/2011)